STATE OF CONNECTICUT VETERANS SUPPORT INFORMATION FOR PTSD

Connecticut Military Support Program [HOTLINE]

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Website: http://www.ct.gov/msp

Description: offering free and confidential counseling with specially trained civilian mental health specialists to help service members who are awaiting deployment to, currently a part of, or back home from Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom and their spouses, significant others, teens, kids, siblings, parents and grandparents.

Certifications and Accreditation: N/A

Services:

Group, Individual, Marriage, Family, Stress, Anxiety, Deployment, Combat, Homecoming Counseling

Newington VA Hospital

Location: in the state of Connecticut

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555 Willard Avenue Newington, CT 06111

Phone: (860) 667-6838

Website: http://www.connecticut.va.gov/

Description: VA Connecticut Healthcare System is a member of the VA New England Healthcare System (VISN 1). Our two main campuses are located in Newington and West Haven. The West Haven campus is a full-service hospital while the Newington facility provides outpatient services in the areas of primary care, specialty services and mental health care. Community based clinics which provide primary and mental health care are located in Danbury, New London, Stamford, Waterbury, Windham and Winsted. The Errera Community Care Center is home to our homeless outreach services and is located in West Haven. The VA Regional Office Hartford (Veterans Benefits Administration) is also located at the Newington campus.

Certifications and Accreditation: Affiliated with Yale University School of Medicine and the University of Connecticut Schools of Medicine and Dentistry

Services: Regular Hospital Services, PTSD Counseling

West Haven VA Hospital

Location: in the state of Connecticut

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Phone: (203) 937-4767

Website: http://www.connecticut.va.gov/

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Certifications and Accreditation: Affiliated with Yale University School of Medicine and the University of Connecticut Schools of Medicine and Dentistry

Services: Regular Hospital Services, PTSD Counseling

Danbury Vet Center

Location: in the state of Connecticut

Address:

457 North Main Street Danbury, CT 06811

Phone: (203) 790-4000

Website: http://www.vetcenter.va.gov/

Description: Veteran Centers offer a wide range of services to help veterans make a successful transition from military to civilian life. These benefits are earned through service and there is no cost to individual or family members. Services include individual, group, material, family, bereavement counseling, medical and benefits referrals, and employment counseling.

Certifications and Accreditation: N/A

Services: Readjustment counseling, PTSD counseling, claim and school counseling/help

Hartford Vet Center

Location: in the state of Connecticut

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25 Elm Street, Suite A Rocky Hill, CT 06067

Phone: (860) 563-8800

Website: http://www.vetcenter.va.gov/

Description: Veteran Centers offer a wide range of services to help veterans make a successful transition from military to civilian life. These benefits are earned through service and there is no cost to individual or family members. Services include individual, group, material, family, bereavement counseling, medical and benefits referrals, and employment counseling.

Certifications and Accreditation: N/A

Services: Readjustment counseling, PTSD counseling, claim and school counseling/help

New Haven Vet Center

Location: in the state of Connecticut

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Phone: (203) 932-9899

Website: http://www.vetcenter.va.gov/

Description: Veteran Centers offer a wide range of services to help veterans make a successful transition from military to civilian life. These benefits are earned through service and there is no cost to individual or family members. Services include individual, group, material, family, bereavement counseling, medical and benefits referrals, and employment counseling.

Certifications and Accreditation: N/A

Services: Readjustment counseling, PTSD counseling, claim and school counseling/help

Norwich Vet Center

Location: in the state of Connecticut

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Norwich, CT 06360

Phone: (860) 887-1755

Website: http://www.vetcenter.va.gov/

Description: Veteran Centers offer a wide range of services to help veterans make a successful transition from military to civilian life. These benefits are earned through service and there is no cost to individual or family members. Services include individual, group, material, family, bereavement counseling, medical and benefits referrals, and employment counseling.

Certifications and Accreditation: N/A

Services: Readjustment counseling, PTSD counseling, claim and school counseling/help

Brain Injury Association of Connecticut

Location: in the state of Connecticut

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Phone:

860-219-0291

Website:

http://www.biact.homestead.com

Description:

The Brain Injury Association of Connecticut is an independent non-profit organization dedicated to supporting individuals with brain injury, their families, and caregivers while increasing the community's understanding of brain injury and its prevention.

Services:

General Information

Easter Seals Greater Hartford Rehabilitation Center

Location: in the state of Connecticut

Address:

100 Deerfield Road Windsor, CT 06095

Phone:

860-552-2002

Website:

http://hartford.easterseals.com/site/PageServer?pagename=CTHA_medical_rehabilitation

Description:

Easter's mission is to provide comprehensive medical and vocational services to people with disabilities in order to maximize their independence and self-sufficiency.

Certifications and Accreditation:

CARF (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities)

Services:

Outpatient Rehabilitation

Hospital for Special Care

Location: in the state of Connecticut

Address:

2150 Corbin Avenue New Britain, CT 06053

Phone:

Website:

http://www.hfsc.org

Description:

Hospital for Special Care (HSC) is a private, not-for-profit 228-bed rehabilitation long-term acute and chronic care hospital, widely-known and respected for its expertise in physical rehabilitation (including outpatient rehabilitation), respiratory care and medically-complex pediatrics. Special programs for spinal cord injuries, pulmonary rehabilitation, acquired brain injuries, stroke, ventilator management and geriatrics, make HSC an important regional resource for patients with special healthcare needs.

Certifications and Accreditation:

CARF (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities)

Services:

Residential Rehabilitation

Saint Francis Hospital

Location: in the state of Connecticut

Address:

114 Woodland Street Hartford, CT 06105

Phone: (860) 714-4450

Website: http://www.ct.gov/ctva/lib/ctva/v4/monthly_veterans_programs.pdf

Description: Saint Francis is New England's largest Catholic hospital, with 617 licensed inpatient beds, 65 bassinets, and five centers of excellence that embrace patients at every stage of lifetime. Various veteran related programs offered at the Hospital. These include on-going programs and services offered at a military discount.

Certifications and Accreditation: HealthGrades Patient Safety Excellence Award 2011, Joint Commission Gold Seal of Approval

Services: PTSD monthly reconnection reintegration talk, acupuncture, energy therapy, hypnosis, expressive arts, guided imagery, massage therapy, holistic nutrition.

The Danbury Hospital

Location: in the state of Connecticut

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24 Hospital Avenue, Danbury, CT 06810

Phone:

203-739-7000

Website:

http://www.danburyhospital.org/

Description:

Danbury Hospital is a 371-bed regional medical center and university teaching hospital associated with Yale University School of Medicine, the University of Connecticut School of Medicine, and the University of Vermont. Inpatient and outpatient programs are available.

Certifications and Accreditation:

Joint Commission Accreditation

Services:

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Many Non-College Programs, State Service of Reserves and Guard Covered

GI Bill Transferability Information
Hip Pocket Guide to the Post 9-11 GI Bill.

OEF/OIF Returning Veterans Needs Assessment by Central CT State U

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Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans with Disabilities (EBV - http://whitman.syr.edu/ebv).

Today, the U.S. Office of Personnel Management launched the first of its kind Government-wide

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS – CONNECTICUT STATE SUMMARY Connecticut and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

General Information

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) offers a wide variety of programs and services for the nation's 23 million veterans. In 2009, about 5.75 million people were treated in VA health care facilities, 3.9 million veterans and survivors received VA disability compensation or pensions, more than 564,000 used GI Bill education benefits and nearly 326,000 home loans were guaranteed by GI Bill home loan benefits. VA issued nearly \$162,053 million in Post-9/11 GI Bill benefit payments to 34,393 individuals and their educational institutions in 2009. Nearly 78,127 veterans took advantage of VA's vocational rehabilitation and employment service, and nationally, veterans held more than 1.2 million life insurance policies valued at \$14.6 billion in 2009. More than 106,000 veterans and family members were buried in VA's national cemeteries and more than 360,000 headstones and markers were provided for veterans' graves worldwide.

Health Care - Connecticut

- Inpatient admissions, statewide, fiscal year 2009
 - VA Connecticut (Newington and West Haven) 5,333
 - o Outpatient visits statewide, fiscal year 2009: 605,000
 - Outpatient clinic locations
 - Danbury
 - New London
 - Stamford
 - Waterbury
 - Willimantic
 - Winsted

General Information – Connecticut

- Number of veterans: 237,696
- VA expenditures in Connecticut: \$801 million Compensation and pensions: \$266 million
 - o Readjustment benefits: \$52 million
 - o Medical and construction programs: \$451 million
 - o Insurance and indemnities: \$19 million
- o Number of Connecticut veterans using GI Bill education benefits: 2,997
- o Number of home loans in Connecticut backed by VA guarantees: 1,150
- Value of Connecticut home loans guaranteed by VA: \$276 million
- o Number of VA life insurance policies held by Connecticut residents: 19,544
- o Value of VA life insurance policies held by Connecticut residents: \$226 million
- o Number of Connecticut participants in VA vocational rehabilitation: 660

Health Care

One of the most visible of all VA benefits is <u>health care</u>. VA has 153 hospitals, 773 community-based outpatient clinics, 260 Vet Centers, 135 nursing homes, 47 residential rehabilitation treatment programs and 121 comprehensive home care programs. To improve patients' ability to access care, VA has changed from a hospital-based system to a primarily outpatient-focused system over the past decade. Veterans will make more than 60 million outpatient visits to VA health care facilities this year.

Post-Conflict Care

VA has launched special efforts to provide a "seamless transition" for those returning from service in Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom (OEF/OIF). Each VA medical facility and benefits regional office has a point of contact to coordinate activities locally to help meet the needs of these returning combat service members and veterans. In addition, VA increased the staffing of benefits counselors at key military hospitals where severely wounded service members from Iraq and Afghanistan are frequently sent. Once home, recent Iraq and Afghan veterans have ready access to VA health care, which is free of charge for five years following separation for any health problem possibly related to wartime service. Some 537,000 veterans from the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan have sought VA health care since returning stateside, about 47 percent of the total number of men and women leaving military service.

Post-Conflict Care - Connecticut

- Veterans Readjustment Counseling Centers(Vet Centers) Locations:
 - Danbury
 - Norwich
 - Rocky Hill
 - West Haven

Disabilities and Pensions

Not all military service-related issues end when people are discharged from active duty. About 2.9 million veterans receive monthly VA disability compensation for medical conditions related to their service in uniform. VA pensions go to about 316,000 wartime veterans with limited means. Family members of about 528,000 veterans qualify for monthly VA payments as the survivors of disabled veterans or pension recipients.

Disabilities and Pensions - Connecticut

- o Number of veterans receiving monthly disability compensation: 20,479
- Number of VA pensions to veterans in Connecticut: 1,900
 - o Number of disability compensation claims processed: 4,494

Memorial Affairs

Most men and women who served in the military are <u>eligible for burial</u> in a VA national cemetery, as are their spouses and dependent children. VA manages the country's <u>network of national cemeteries</u> with approximately 3 million <u>gravesites</u> at 131 national cemeteries in 39 states and Puerto Rico, as well as in 33 soldier's lots and monument sites. In 2009, more than 106,000 veterans and dependents were buried in VA's national cemeteries. Additionally, VA provided more than 350,000 <u>headstones</u> and markers and 655,000 <u>Presidential Memorial Certificates</u> to the loved ones of deceased veterans. VA-assisted state veteran's cemeteries provided more than 26,000 interments.

Memorial Affairs - Connecticut

- o Headstones and markers provided in 2009 (statewide): 3,313
 - o Presidential Memorial Certificates issued in 2009 (statewide): 3,227

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Support Services

Substance Abuse Services

Connecticut Dept. Mental Health & Addiction Services 800-662-4357 Focus on Recovery Helpline 800-374-2800

Homelessness

National Coalition for Homelessness 800-838-4357

Financial Difficulty

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Emergency Assistance Grants

CT Soldiers', Sailors' and Marines' Fund 800-491-4941

Counseling Needs

CT Military Support Program 866-251-2913

National Crisis Hotline 800-784-2433 National Suicide Support 888-784-2433 Brain Injury Association of Connecticut 860-721-8111

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